

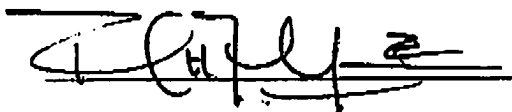
Remarks

The Applicant believes the Examiner is reading rejected claims 16, 39, and 55 as covering the arrangement of Koch '610 wherein the electronic monitoring device is trapped between the cover and the tire without being "connected" or "attached" to the cover. Although the Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's interpretation of the claims, the Applicant has amended independent claims 16, 39, and 55 to positively recite a device that removably and reattachably connects the two elements. The Applicant submits that Koch '610 fails to disclose such a device and thus does not anticipate the claims or render the claims obvious. The Applicant submits that the amendments do not change the nature of the claimed invention and are similar in scope to the allowed claims.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims and most earnestly solicits the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance for the claims.

Please call the undersigned attorney if any issues remain after this amendment.

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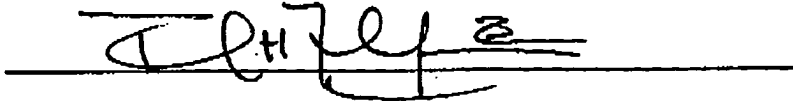
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